



HAWAII KAI NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 1

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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

TUESDAY, JULY 25, 2006

HAHAIONE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAFETERIA

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Lester Muraoka called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. with a quorum present. He welcomed everyone to the July meeting of the Hawaii Kai Neighborhood Board No. 1.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lester Muraoka, Bob Clark, Marian Grey, Richard Halverson, Jeanette Hanson, Mary Houghton, Donald Huff, Greg Knudsen, Wayne Levy, David Livingston, Tony Paresa, Elizabeth Reilly, Jim Sharp and John Steinmiller.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dolores Elms-Beattie.

GUESTS: Russ Saito (Comptroller, Department of Accounting and General Services, Governor Linda Lingle's representative); Senator Sam Slom, Representative Lyla Berg, Sid Quintal (Director, Department of Enterprise Services, Mayor Mufi Hannemann's representative); Francisco Figueiredo (Councilmember Charles Djou's Office staff); Captain Eric Scharff (Honolulu Fire Department), Lt. Abner Delima, Sgt. Maurice Asato and Officer Jason Hendricks (Honolulu Police Department); Lorna Heller (Board of Water Supply), Murray Luther (Hawaii Kai Booster), Yonda Phelan, Helen Gibson Ahn, Kristi Schulenberg (Hawaii Bicycling League), Ian Arakaki (Limtiaco Consulting Group); Gayle G. Carr, Steven Geshell and Tai Hong (Livable Hawaii Kai Hui); Natalie Iwasa, Michael Bass, Richard W. Baker (former Board member), Gene Ward (State House District 17 candidate), Josey Jesus, Rochelle Vallero, Herb Schreiner, A.J. Halagao (WeLoveHawaiiKai.com); Mike Gallo, Annette Pang, Ivonne Cardenas and Bob Farrell (Makakilo.com); and K. Russell Ho (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

ELECTION OF SECRETARY: June 2006 to May 2007

Board member Mary Houghton nominated Greg Knudsen for Secretary. No second is required for nominations. Knudsen respectfully declined the nomination. **Vice Chair Tony Paresa nominated Dolores Elms-Beattie for Secretary.** No second is required for nominations. **As there were no other nominations, Dolores Elms-Beattie was elected Secretary by unanimous consent, 10-0-0.**

Board member Houghton asked why was the Board voting for Secretary. Chair Muraoka explained that the Board usually elects officers in June, but last month Dolores Elms-Beattie received seven votes and Mary Houghton received one vote. A quorum of eight is needed for election. So, Acting Chair Tony Paresa deferred the election to this month.

Board members John Steinmiller and Jim Sharp arrived.

APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 27, 2006 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: As the minutes of the June 27, 2006 minutes were not ready, Chair Muraoka deferred them to the next meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT- Treasurer Jeanette Hanson reported that as of July 18, the Operating Account balance was \$634.80, the Publicity Account Balance was \$326.36 and the Refreshment Account balance was \$120.00. The Treasurer's report was accepted as read, subject to audit.

SECRETARY'S REPORT- No report.

STATUS REPORTS:

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD)- Captain Eric Scharff, Hawaii Kai Fire Station, reported the following:

1. For July there were over 80 calls for service, including 3 structure fires, 11 brush, 2 rubbish and 2 vehicle fires. There were 51 medical emergencies, 8 search and rescues, 1 miscellaneous emergency call and 5 activated alarms.

2. Major Incidents- On Wednesday, June 28 there was a brush fire on the mauka side of Kalanianaʻole Highway, east of the Hawaii Kai Golf Course, from approximately 9:00 p.m. to 2:30 a.m. the next morning. Six fire engines, 1 tanker, and 2 battalion chiefs fought that fire. On Thursday, June 29, HFD was called back to the same general area to clean up some smoking spots up on a bluff area above the original fire with one fire engine, one helicopter and one tender.
2. Fire Safety Tip- Take time to childproof your home, especially since keiki are on summer vacation. Check for potentially dangerous situations, i.e., electrical shock, accidental falls, or poisoning from medications, cleaning fluids, household chemicals and houseplants. Keep matches and lighters in a safe place and out of reach of small children.

There were no questions.

Chair Muraoka thanked Captain Scharff.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD)- Lt. Abner Delima, Watch Commander for District 7, reported the following:

1. The written report for District 7, June 2006, included a map of the beats: For Beat 774, there were 0 burglaries (-4 from May 2006), 6 thefts (-3 from May 2006) and 2 unauthorized entries into a motor vehicle (UEMV) (same as May 2006). For Beat 776, there were 0 burglaries (-1 from May 2006), 5 thefts (same as May 2006) and 1 UEMV (-2 from May 2006). For Beat 778, there were 0 burglaries (-4 from May 2006), 0 thefts (-2 from May 2006) and 2 UEMV (+2 from May 2006). For Beat 780, there were 0 burglaries (same as May 2006), 3 thefts (same as May 2006) and 11 UEMV (-4 from May 2006). For Beat 782, there was 1 burglary (+1 from May 2006), 0 thefts (same as May 2006) and 1 UEMV (same as May 2006). For Beat 784, there were 0 burglaries (same as May 2006), 0 thefts (same as May 2006) and 6 UEMV (+3 from May 2006). Most of the statistics were the same or below the previous month. However, there was a slight increase of 3 UEMVs in Beat 784, which includes Sandy Beach to Makapuu. The report had bar charts, which showed a six-month comparison. Also, there were a report from the Narcotics/Vice Division of seven new complaints (none from Hawaii Kai) and twelve prior complaints were closed (3 from Hawaii Kai). The HPD report also included a 21-Step Home Security Checklist with drawings.
2. The All Terrain Vehicles (ATV), which patrol from Diamond Head to Makapuu, issued 15 warrants and the following citations: 14 liquor prohibitions, 2 dog in the park and 140 traffic enforcements.

Questions, answers and comments followed.

1. Board member Grey wanted to report a potential theft, waiting to happen. She noticed that the new storage building has a nice exterior décor and that they are using real copper rain gutters. Mentioning the recent thefts of copper around the island, Grey asked if the HPD had any suggestions for Ms. Annette Pang, who was present and represents the storage company. Lt. Delima suggested installing cameras, which Grey already mentioned to Pang.
2. Vice Chair Paresa reported underage drinking at nightclubs. Lt. Delima requested the name of the nightclubs and would follow up. Chair Muraoka asked what to do if the underage drinking is observed. Lt. Delima suggested calling 9-1-1.
3. Board member Steinmiller has observed speeding on Lunalilo Home Road between Anapalau Street and the Espanade building and mentioned speeding after egressing from Safeway on Keahole Street, going over the rise and hitting the traffic exiting Costco. He asked about an electronic sign to notify speeders of their speed. Lt. Delima suggested asking the Department of Transportation Services (DTS), as HPD enforces the laws.
4. Resident Steve Geshell asked who enforces the zoning laws, especially for builders who leave remnant building materials on preservation lands by the golf course, near the road leading up to the Hawaii Kai stables. If it is on private property, Lt. Delima suggested calling the building department.

Chair Muraoka thanked Lt. Delima.

Chair Muraoka suggested to Geshell to ask the Mayor's representative Sid Quintal which department to follow up.

(7:20 p.m.) Board member Wayne Levy arrived.

Board of Water Supply (BWS)- (7:20 p.m.) Lorna Heller distributed her monthly report and highlighted the following:

1. There were two main breaks on June 15, one 8-inch cast iron main on Hahaione Street and one 12-inch cast iron main on Kaumakani Street.
2. On Saturday, August 5, the Friends of Halawa Xeriscape Gardens and the Board of Water Supply will sponsor the 18th annual "Unthirsty Plant" sale at the Halawa Xeriscape gardens. The Halawa Garden gates will open at 9:00 a.m., with flyers to help visitors get around. Garden tours will be given every 20 minutes, and there will be outside vendors selling their xeriscape plants as well.

Xeriscape gardening workshops will also be given by the Friends of Halawa Xeriscape Gardens volunteers that day, giving you an excellent opportunity to learn how to make xeriscape a part of current or future garden plans. For safety reasons, there will be no parking at the garden itself, but shuttles will be running along Iwaena Street from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

For more information, call the Board of Water Supply at 748-5041. So pack a picnic lunch and bring the whole family down to the Halawa Xeriscape Garden on Saturday, August 5.

3. The Board of Water Supply has finished mailing your Annual Water Quality Report. This report, also known as the Consumer Confidence Report, is required by the Environmental Protection Agency, to notify people about where their water comes from, what's in their water supply and if their water is treated, how it is treated. This report goes out to every service holder on Oahu, and is designed to explain, as simply as possible, the quality of the drinking water you receive.
4. Starting with the July 15 billing through September, customers will be receiving a "bill stuffer" about the new water rate increases, which were mentioned at a previous Board meeting. It will explain the need for the increases and the revised rate schedule for water consumption.
5. At the October 2005 Hawaii Kai Neighborhood Board meeting, a BWS representative shared information about a possible construction of a one million gallon reservoir at the back of Kalama Valley to fix problems in the area. A geo-technical study was made and it was found that the site was not suitable for the reservoir. BWS would look for other ways to address the water-delivery issues in Kalama Valley.

Questions, answers and comments followed.

1. Board member Knudsen mentioned that he noticed low water pressure on his Kaeleku Street after they mentioned it in October. He asked if this was one of the water-delivery issues. Heller would follow up.
2. Chair Muraoka asked if there was a timetable for a reservoir at another site. Heller would follow up.

There were no further questions.

Chair Muraoka thanked Heller.

Board Announcements-

1. Board member Houghton noticed a lot of dead animals on the road and pleaded for motor vehicle drivers to slow down, so not to hit animals and children. Also, please don't throw cigarette butts out the window.
2. Board member Elizabeth Reilly thanked the Waimanalo Neighborhood Board for supporting the Hawaii Kai position of opposing the "vacation cabins" on the Ka Iwi coastline. They also voted to send a letter to the Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP).

Chair Muraoka thanked everyone.

Committee Reports-

Parks and Recreation- Committee Chair Mary Houghton mentioned that the minutes of the June 9 Parks and Recreation committee meeting were distributed. She needs to follow up with Mayor's representative Quintal on what to do about the fence at the archery range and when the blessing and dedication of the Koko Head Archery Range was and on how to get a plaque put on a park bench and who pays for it.

She thanked Mayor Mufi Hannemann for the town meeting, where they answered many questions. She was able to talk with Director Les Chang of the Department of Parks and Recreation about the unplayable tennis courts at the Koko Head District Park and he mentioned that his budget is pretty strapped.

She still has to follow up on the putting bike racks at the Botanical Garden.

She thanked the "dog park" people for coming to the town meeting and presenting their issue. She thinks the Mayor is starting to recognize the dog park project. Hopefully, there would be money raised for design and construction.

Concerning vandalism at the parks, Houghton mentioned that the committee may want to follow up on this issue. She acknowledged that Councilmember Charles Djou is also on top of it.

On the way to this meeting, she received an e-mail reporting that the sprinklers at Kamiloiki School and park, near the basketball court, are running now. She wanted to notify Mayor's representative Quintal.

She thanked Toni Robinson (Department of Parks and Recreation) and her staff, Alan Hong (Hanauma Bay), Francisco Figueiredo (Councilmember Charles Djou's Office), Mayor Hannemann for sending Mayor's representative Quintal, Chair Muraoka, Board members Knudsen and John Steinmiller for supporting her and her committee. If anyone wanted more information, please e-mail her.

Comments followed.

Board member Knudsen mentioned that today, the City installed a silver, six-foot chain link fence around the archery range and public input was ignored. Chair Muraoka asked Committee Chair Houghton to summarize the vote taken at her June 9 meeting. She replied the results of the vote were as follows: Leave the project the way it is got 38 votes. Replace the fence with a natural barrier got 15 votes. Close the archery range got 10 votes. Paint poles green and use a vinyl fence got 6 votes. Plant kiawe trees and other plants to obscure the fence got 6 votes. Build berm along the road got 2 votes. Drop the height of the fence from 6 to 4 feet got 2 votes. Do we need a fence? Got 0 votes. Re-position fence inside the berm so not to be seen from the road got 0 votes. The fence was in the original design, by Jerry Hucks, who championed the project and there was no question of having a fence. She drove by the area last week and did not know that they installed the fence. While Chair Muraoka agreed with Knudsen, he mentioned that the votes came out as reported.

Board member Huff suggested putting hibiscus and bougainvillea plants in front of the fence.

Chair Muraoka thanked Committee Chair Houghton.

(7:31 p.m.) Board member David Livingston arrived.

Transportation- No report.

Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OMPO)- Committee Chair Donald Huff announced he is planning a committee meeting before the August 29 Hawaii Kai Neighborhood Board meeting from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. He has invited Gordon Lum, Executive Director of OMPO, who will speak on the history and purpose of OMPO and Pat Lee from Parsons, Brinckerhoff, Quade and Douglas, Inc., who will give a PowerPoint presentation on the Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project (HHCTCP) and its affect on Hawaii Kai residents. Committee Chair Huff also asked for a representative from the Department of Transportation Services (DTS). He invited everyone to his committee meeting.

Health & Safety- Committee Chair John Steinmiller would follow up with the Department of Transportation Services (DTS) for an electronic speed indicator. He would ask the Hawaii Bicycling League (HBL), during tonight's presentation, about the rules on riding two abreast. He noticed that between 4:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m., there are bicyclists riding in groups of ten to forty, two abreast. He suggested to the HBL to notify these groups to ride single file.

Legislation, Ethics & Policy- Committee Chair Tony Paresa mentioned the candidates forum next month for the Board of Education and the candidates forum for the other elected offices closer to September or October.

Communications- Committee Chair Rich Halverson had no report.

Planning and Zoning- Committee Chair Robert Clark reported that he has received a notice from Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) of an application to subdivide a property with a single-family home into two lots, but one lacks the required width. The application may be view at the DPP offices and they decide on the application.

Education- Committee Chair David Livingston had no report.

Board member Knudsen had some information for the education committee. He reported that the Kalani and Kaiser complex schools were the only two complexes recognized for "adequate yearly progress" in the annual assessment. Knudsen added that most students were returning to school starting from Thursday to next Monday, July 31.

Chair Muraoka mentioned that it was reported in this evening's newspaper.

Community Relations- Committee Chair Jeanette Hanson had no report.

Capital Improvement Project (CIP) Advisory- Committee Chair Wayne Levy had no report.

Chair's Announcements-

Chair Muraoka mentioned the great Mayor's town meeting and thanked Mayor's representative Quintal and everyone else who organized it. He acknowledged Senator Sam Slom, who wrote a letter to the Mayor to initiate the Mayor's visit. Chair Muraoka said that Mayor Hannemann was interested in attending a Hawaii Kai Neighborhood Board meeting to be scheduled. Chair Muraoka would work with Mayor's representative Quintal on that.

Chair Muraoka thanked Vice Chair Paresa for chairing the June meeting with 300 people attending. He must be very popular, because when Chair Muraoka chairs, only the "old faithful and interested people" show up.

Chair Muraoka thanked the Board for re-electing him Chair. He appreciated the support.

PUBLIC GENERATED ISSUES: Chair Muraoka reminded speakers to line up and introduce themselves, then briefly share the issue.

1. Resident Natalie Iwasa asked concerning committees, what do the committees do and what issues are they working on. Concerning the treasurer's report, she asked do we need a refreshment budget and what are the Board monthly expenses.

Concerning speeding downhill on Kaluanui Road, in October 2005, the Mariners Ridge Traffic Safety Committee proposed five options in a survey. There were 40 responses, most favoring re-engineering the road. Last month the Board heard about the pilot project. Mike Oshiro, from Department of Transportation Services (DTS), said they were not going to revise the plan. Councilmember Djou thinks the plan may be more hazardous. Iwasa has started a petition and 58 people signed the petition, 48 were residents. Only 3 or 5 percent of the signers were in favor of the project. She will send the results of the survey to Melvin Kaku, Director of DTS.

Chair Muraoka will ask the Committee Chairs to explain their goals.

Chair Muraoka suggested that Iwasa work with Andy Constantaras, head of the Mariners Ridge Traffic Safety Committee, and mentioned that the pilot project is trying to help in a highly dangerous area.

Chair Muraoka thanked Iwasa.

2. Gene Ward wants to export democracy. He introduced Josey Yesus from East Timor, who would be observing "grass roots" democracy at the Neighborhood Board meeting and could not believe that Board members are not paid.

As the filing deadline was at 4:30 p.m., Ward announced his candidacy for the State House of Representatives District 17. He also acknowledged his opponent, A.J. Halagao and looked forward to a "high-ground" campaign race.

Chair Muraoka thanked Iwasa for bringing up the issues and Ward.

3. Yonda Phelan, a visually-impaired person, reported that she has had many "close encounters" with vehicles at the corner of Hawaii Kai Drive and Keahole Street. She has been saved numerous times by her seeing-eye dog. She has requested an "audio" light signal and mentioned that sometimes people complain about the constant, loud "ticking" sound, which is better than the "cuckoo" sound. She would leave her contact information with the Chair if any complaints come in. She thanked the Department of Transportation Services (DTS) for putting in the "audio" light signal. Board member Houghton expressed her concern about going slower on Hawaii Kai Drive and safety and suggested putting this on the agenda tonight. Phelan added that the signal would also help slower-moving older residents. Chair Muraoka asked for clarification. Phelan replied that the DTS has approved the installation of the audio light signal, but she does not know when. Chair Muraoka would allow the Board to make a motion tonight.

Board member Houghton moved Board member Steinmiller seconded that the Hawaii Kai Neighborhood Board No. 1 send a letter to the Department of Transportation Services in support of the installing of the audio signal at the intersection of Hawaii Kai Drive and Keahole Street. The motion carried unanimously, 14-0-0.

Chair Muraoka suggested that the DTS send a notice to the elderly homes to notify them of the audio light signal to ask for their patience and understanding.

To avoid setting precedence for future meetings Board member Knudsen mentioned that the Board cannot vote on every issue that comes up under "Public Generated Issues" and that they should be listed on the agenda first. Board member Huff noted that Knudsen voted in favor of the motion. Chair Muraoka said that he erred this time, but would follow the procedure better next time.

Chair Muraoka thanked Phelan.

4. Mike Gallo attended the June meeting. There was supposed to be a letter sent to Mr. Eng, Director of the Department of Planning and Permitting, requesting a public hearing on the proposed "vacation cabins" developments and he asked if the Board received a reply. Chair Muraoka replied that the letter has been signed and will go out. So, there was no reply from Mr. Eng.
5. **Update on the Hawaii American Water Co. rehabilitation work on Lunalilo Home Road-** Ian Arakaki, Limtiaco Consulting Group, reported that Phase 1 is basically complete, with a few details to clean up. Phase I is located along Lunalilo Home Road between Anapalau Street and Kaiser High School. They are transitioning to Phase II, which is on Lunalilo Home Road from the fire station through Wailua Street, would take three to four weeks. Phase III runs on Lunalilo Home Road near Kalanipuu Street to Hawaii Kai Drive and would take five to six weeks, starting in October. They are currently on schedule. He distributed a flyer, which should be mailed to residents along Lunalilo Home Road mauka of Wailua Street to Kipu Place (past Hawaii Kai Drive) this week.

The second project involves some "smoke testing" that might be occurring in August in Kamiloiki and Hahaione Valleys. The "smoke test" survey will assist their inspection crews in locating breaks and defects in our sewer system. The smoke you see coming from the vent stacks on houses or holes in the ground is non-toxic, non-staining, has no odor, white to gray in color and creates no fire hazard. Flyers

will be mailed to effected residents prior to any smoke testing activities. Arakaki thanked the community for their continued patience and understanding and If they have any questions about this project, please call him at 596-7790.

Questions, answers and comments followed.

Vice Chair Paresa thanked Arakaki for giving monthly updates. Paresa mentioned that in Phase I, the metal plates did not cover the whole area of the trenches and may be a hazard, especially for kids. He suggested notifying the contractor.

Board member Huff complemented the notification and work done.

Board member Steinmiller asked if Hawaii American Water Co. asked the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) for a 12 percent increase. Arakaki is with the Limtiaco Consulting Group and referred Steinmiller to Lee Mansfield of the Hawaii American Water Co..

Resident Herb Schreiner (a HPD sergeant) mentioned that the cones for traffic control are not placed correctly for safety and mentioned an incident. Arakaki replied that the traffic control plans were designed by his company and approved by the Department of Transportation Services (DTS) and Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP). The contractor is responsible for placing the cones and signage. For specific concerns, call Arakaki directly to discuss the plans to get them approved by the DTS and DPP.

Vice Chair Paresa mentioned that on Wailua Street he knew that there is no left turn from the right turn lane, but the sign is too close to the intersection. He suggested moving the signage back. He was stuck in traffic today.

Chair Muraoka thanked Arakaki for the monthly updates and congratulated him for being ahead of schedule.

5. Resident David Matthews mentioned an issue solved four or five years ago to keep the oceanfront and surrounding areas pristine, beautiful and unencumbered by development. They were successful. Last month the community was offered development projects, but they could not pass the Neighborhood Board. Vice Chair Paresa did a good job. Although the two hundred people are not here, but they are still out there, waiting, poised for the next move. Matthews thanked the Board for the warm treatment his group received last month. He advised the Board to remain vigilant to protect the environment.

Chair Muraoka thanked Matthews and other people who bring development issues to the attention of the Board.

6. Resident A.J. Halagao, WeLoveHawaiiKai.com, thanked Gene Ward for recognizing him. Like the person from East Timor, observing our democracy, Halagao is an example of our democracy. When he came to the United States, he could not speak English and had a speech impediment. Now, because of the public schools, he is an attorney and a candidate for State House District 17. He thanked Mayor Hannemann, Senator Slom and Mayor's representative Quintal for the town meeting. He acknowledged the Livable Hawaii Kai Hui for publicizing the event and getting 500 hundred people to show up at Kaiser High School. Mayor Hannemann had mentioned that there was no money for curbside recycling and encouraged community action. Halagao distributed a flyer about curbside recycling in Hawaii Kai. WeLoveHawaiiKai.com is partnering with Oahu Community Recycling (OCR) to provide this service for only \$16.00 per month. Mayor Hannemann had mentioned that in Los Angeles the people pay for this service. They would donate 100 percent of recyclables to the public schools. More information is on their website at WeLoveHawaiiKai.com.

Board member Houghton asked how the various schools would get the donations. Halagao explained that OCR would take the bottles and cans to the recycling bins at the schools. He added that another company had a larger operation. If this project grows, they can develop a bigger system. Chair Muraoka suggested that Halagao work with the Community Relations Committee Chair Hanson.

Chair Muraoka thanked Halagao.

7. Resident Tai Hong wants to keep Kamilonui Valley green and beautiful. He is concerned about electrical power. On June 1, Hawaii Kai had a "brown out." Hawaiian Electric Co. (HECO) did not anticipate the energy demands of new consumers, like Wal-Mart. The next generator is scheduled to come "on line" in 2009. As there are many developments being built, there may be more "brown or blackouts." Hong would work with Planning and Permitting Committee Chair Bob Clark and do more research. Chair Muraoka referred him to Community Relations Committee Chair Hanson as this issue involves community welfare and safety.

Chair Muraoka thanked Hong.

ELECTED OFFICIALS' REPORTS:

Mayor Mufi Hannemann's representative- (8:19 p.m.) Sid Quintal, Director of Enterprise Services Department mentioned the following:

1. He thanked Senator Slom for co-sponsoring the town meeting with the Mayor. Many issues were cleared up and many more were generated. The Mayor appreciated the time spent discussing the issues with the community.
2. As to concerns brought up tonight- For Board member Steinmiller, he would follow up with Department of Transportation Services (DTS) for the speed indicator signs.

For Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) about the debris in the vacant lot, he would ask them to follow up, but he needs the exact location.

He will check about the refreshments at the Neighborhood Board meetings.

The Kaluanui Road issue is being addressed.

Since the audio traffic signal is going in, he would not take any action, unless there are complaints about the volume.

Concerning the sprinklers on in the evenings, Quintal would favor that rather than at 2:00 p.m. and would recommend it island wide.

He would follow up on the blessing for the archery range and Goeas Field.

3. For last month's concerns- Mayor's representative Quintal asked for Chair Muraoka's phone number, so that Department of Transportation Services (DTS) could phone his wife, Maureen, directly to explain about the "not in service" buses going to and from Hawaii Kai without paying customers.

Steve Carr had asked about the newsstands by the service station on Lunalilo Home Road. Customer Services Department suggested that if he feels that they are a hazard, call HPD.

For Donald Huff- OMPO is having a public meeting on August 14 at Kalani High School. For further information please contact Nalani Dahl at phone number 531-4252 x39. Board member Huff had talked with Pat Lee with the consultants for the Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project (HHCTCP) and mentioned the August 14 meeting would be a conflict with the "Sunshine Law," as the Board could send only two to less than quorum (seven) members, so he will have his Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OMPO) Committee meeting on August 29 at 5:30 p.m.

For Murray Luther- Mayor Hannemann does appreciate the efforts of the Neighborhood Board. He would be having more town meetings and the Hawaii Kai town meeting has set the benchmark. Mayor Hannemann has requested that all department directors attend the town meetings.

Questions, answers and comments followed.

1. After the town meeting, Board member Grey was able to speak with Mr. Henry Eng, Director of Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP), who said that the "vacation cabins" did not require a

zoning change and that he would notify the Neighborhood Board Chair. Grey requested that all interested community groups, like the Livable Hawaii Kai Hui and the Save Sandy Beach Coalition be notified. Quintal requested that she sent him the information and he would forward it to DPP.

2. Board member Reilly requested an update on the area near the cemetery. There are no dust screens, but the poles are still up. Children are using them as "monkey bars." Quintal mentioned that Councilmember Djou is also following up and he would co-ordinate their efforts to get an answer. Reilly asked if there are any active permits in the area.

Chair Muraoka thanked the Mayor's representative Quintal for his efforts and support.

Councilmember Charles Djou- (8:26 p.m.) Francisco Figueiredo distributed Councilmember Djou's newsletter and highlighted the following:

1. The City Charter Commission met today and decreased the number of proposals from eighteen to fourteen and they may end up at twelve on the ballot for ratification. When they are finalized, they will notify the Board and the public.
2. The City Council has been holding hearings this week. Councilmember Djou's Waikiki "Parades Limit" bill passed the Planning and Transportation Committee. Councilmember Djou had worked with the Hannemann Administration on a compromise bill.
4. The filing deadline was at 4:30 p.m. today. Councilmember Djou is running unopposed in this year's election.

Questions, answers and comments followed.

Board member Reilly mentioned that after the last meeting, someone asked Councilmember Djou how someone, giving "conceptual" presentation, could be put on the agenda. He responded that the Board does not have to put them on the agenda. Chair Muraoka explained that it is the Neighborhood Board chair's prerogative and right to set the agenda. In the past, other developers have agreed to have a community meeting, but this time they weren't co-operative.

Chair Muraoka thanked Councilmember Djou's representative Figueiredo.

Senator Sam Slom- (8:29 p.m.) Senator Slom distributed his newsletter and reported the following:

1. The filing deadline was today. There would be twenty percent new House members in November. So, it is vital to attend and ask questions at the candidates forums, planned for September or October by Vice Chair Paresa.
2. After the last Hawaii Kai Neighborhood Board meeting, Senator Slom wrote a letter to Mayor Mufi Hannemann, who responded in one day. Senator Slom thanked the Mayor, his Cabinet, Mayor's representative Quintal, his staff, and Board members Reilly, Grey and other Board members for setting up the town meeting. It was a terrific meeting and over 400 people attended. What was very special was that the Mayor and the Cabinet stayed after the regular part of the meeting to answer questions, maybe not fully to everyone's satisfaction, but they made a good effort. As Mayor's representative Quintal said, that town meeting would be the benchmark. So, once again, Hawaii leads the rest of the island.

Also at the last meeting the representative for the developers mentioned that they would be doing traffic counts. Some people notice rubber hoses on Kalaniana'ole Highway and Lunalilo Home Road and asked Senator Slom if the developer was doing a traffic study. The Department of Transportation (DOT) is doing their annual traffic count and it has nothing to do with the developer, who has done nothing..

3. He has received many complaints about Hawaiian Telcom's telephone service. He wanted the public to call at 349-5438 or e-mail him at sbh@lava.net. and he will prepare a document about their poor performance for the State Public Utilities Commission (PUC).

4. From his report, Governor Linda Lingle has vetoed 32 bills, 5 before the session ended, and 27 out of 28 on her "veto" list. Most of them were "bad" bills, but he voted for SB (Senate Bill) 2076, a bill concerning voluntary lease to fee conversion with a tax exemption. On the back page of his newsletter, there were the Governor's reasons for the veto. He would try to re-introduce the bill next year.
5. He acknowledged two educators who were awarded the Outstanding Educator Award by Oceanic Time Warner and Pizza Hut- Mike Mataluna of Kaiser High School and Kurt Ai of Kalani High School.
6. For Board member Huff- Concerning the rail system, Lawrence Spurgeon, the senior engineer at Parsons, Brinkerhoff mentioned at a Kailua Chamber of Commerce meeting that the cost is over \$4 billion for construction. In Seattle the public approved the \$4 billion, but "pulled the plug" at \$14 billion. We in Hawaii, do not have initiative, referendum or recall. The \$4 billion does not include operation and maintenance costs.

Board member Huff is not bothered by the initial \$4 billion cost, but is bothered by the cost for operation and maintenance. He asked why build a train to nowhere. He firmly believes that in 25 years Waikiki would be under water. He asked if the tourists go, what will happen to Hawaii's economy.

7. Board member Grey noticed on his newsletter that the radio station has suspended Senator Slom's weekly radio program for the election cycle. Senator Slom mentioned that he had already prepared for his re-election campaign, but did not know until 4:30 p.m. that he would be running unopposed. The radio station can decide whatever they want.
8. A resident asked for his e-mail address again. Senator Slom gave his e-mail address- sbh@lava.net.

Chair Muraoka congratulated Senator Slom for running unopposed and thanked him for representing the community.

Senator Fred Hemmings- No representative present.

Representative William "Bud" Stonebraker- No representative was present.

Representative Lyla Berg- (8:35 p.m.) Representative Berg distributed her Neighborhood Board Report and newsletter and highlighted the following:

1. In her Legislative report she has been sharing her Early Childhood Legislation and public/private partnership across the State.
2. She mentioned the Hawaii 2050 Sustainability Task Force "kick off" event on Saturday, August 26, at the Dole Ballrooms. They will discuss many issues affecting our "quality of life."
3. The East Honolulu Community Meeting would be on August 28. An expert panel will speak on "Economic Prosperity for Hawaii" at the Kahala Elementary School Cafetorium from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
4. She heard from Councilmember Djou that the change of the bus stop at Nui Valley Middle School was approved. It was requested by the Kuli'ou'ou-Kalani Iki Neighborhood Board No. 2.
5. She had some information on the State Budget and other events. She has been working with the people from Waimanalo to Kaimuki to have an "East Honolulu Fest." Board member Reilly had gone to the Waimanalo Neighborhood Board meeting. She supports the building of relationships among the communities and she believes that they face similar issues.
6. Also, in her report were the Governor's "veto" list and her responses.
7. The Kahala Neighborhood Board wanted her to re-introduce her "Sunshine Law" bill next year. She has copies of the "Sunshine Law" booklet and of her bill for interested Board members to review.
8. In her newsletter there was the Sierra Club's scorecard of House legislators on environmental issues.

Questions, answers and comments followed.

1. Concerning the 2005-2006 Legislature Environmental Scorecard in her Neighborhood Board Report, Board member Knudsen congratulated her on her high ranking on environmental concerns. However, he noticed that the Representative from House District 17 was listed way down on the list and did not support "green" legislation. Knudsen would speak to him in person, but Representative "Bud" Stonebraker no longer comes to the Neighborhood Board meetings. Representative Berg mentioned it was a balancing act on certain bills. Knudsen asked what the "turtle" symbol represented. Representative Berg replied the turtle represented "environmentally friendly."
2. Chair Muraoka mentioned that the Board had sent all of the Legislators a letter about exempting it from the "Sunshine Law." He suggested that she work with Legislation, Ethics and Policy Committee Chair Paresa on the "Sunshine Law" exemption.

Chair Muraoka thanked Representative Berg.

Governor Linda Lingle's representative- (8:45 p.m.) Russ Saito, Comptroller, Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) did not attend the last meeting because he joined Governor Lingle investigating homelessness on the Waianae coast. He distributed the Governor's report and mentioned the following:

1. The homeless shelter in Kakaako has over 300 people, about one-third are children. There is a "Keiki Korner" with donated toys, books, art supplies and eight computers. It is a safe environment with "limited membership." As twenty families have been processed through it, it has been nicknamed "the next step shelter." In Waianae they have a bigger problem with over 2500 people receiving services from the State. They plan for smaller units in Waianae, using State lands, Hawaiian Home Lands and commercial properties. At Kalaeloa they are working with the U.S. Navy. The Governor issued an Emergency Proclamation to speed up the permitting and building process and her priority is for families.
2. The parking lot at the Makapuu Lookout has completed, thanks to the State Departments of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) and the Transportation (DOT).
3. The Third Annual International Women's Leadership Conference "Women With No Limits" is on August 29. Registration starts at 7:30 a.m. and the Conference runs from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. U.S. Under Secretary of State for Diplomacy and Public Affairs Karen Hughes would be a featured speaker and there will be a videotape message from Oprah Winfrey.
4. Governor Lingle is very concerned about hurricane shelters. As Tropical Storm Daniel is 900 miles away, Sato mentioned again "hardening" of shelters. As most people would not make it to a shelter, he suggested finding a place in the home, away from windows.
5. Concerning identity theft, the Legislature passed many bills to prosecute violators. As with hurricane preparedness, the individual must take personal responsibility for identity theft prevention. Saito recommended the following: Destroy all old records with personal information. If information is breached, then notify creditors, banks immediately. Don't take information home. "Wipe computer hard drive at least seven times." Chair Muraoka suggested Saito make a list of helpful hints for distribution. He said he would.

Questions, answers and comments followed.

1. Board member Levy had three issues- He watched the Ala Moana Fourth of July fireworks display from Kakaako. However, the University of Hawaii Medical School parking lot was locked closed. They could have opened the lot and had a fundraiser for the Medical School. Saito would follow up.

He had researched on the Internet about open library hours in other cities and requested more open hours for Hawaii's public libraries. Saito would follow up.

Concerning the Makapuu Lookout parking, there seems to be not enough spaces, especially on a Sunday. Saito would go back to Director Rod Haraga (DOT) and Director Peter Young (DLNR). Chair Muraoka mentioned that when the plans were presented to the Board, they mentioned that there was a

balance of the size of the parking lot and the preservation of the natural surroundings, parking for tour buses and adequate parking for the community. Board member Grey mentioned that there were people complaining about the parking lot before it was built, but she thinks that it is a great parking lot.

2. Board member Grey noticed an article in the newspaper that had pictures of the Ala Wai Boat Harbor. She expressed her concern about the poor condition of the docks for the Trans Pac Race yachts. Saito would follow up.

As there were no further questions, Chair Muraoka thanked Governor's representative Saito.

NEW BUSINESS/PRESENTATIONS- (8:59 p.m.)

Presentation on the Honolulu Century Bike Ride- Kristi Schulenberg, Executive Director for the Hawaii Bicycling League announced that the Honolulu Century Bike Ride is scheduled for September 24 and the route would go through Hawaii Kai. She emphasized that it was a ride, not a race. The Hawaii Bicycling League started in 1975 and they have programs like bike safety education. This will be the 25th anniversary of the Century Bike Ride and they expect 4,500 riders. They encourage families from ages 8 to 80 to ride. The course starts at Kapiolani Park and goes along Kalaniana'ole Highway, Lunalilo Home Road and Hawaii Kai Drive. Then, back to Kalaniana'ole Highway to Waimanalo. There would be no road closures, as they would just use the right lane from 6:15 a.m. to 8:30 a.m., with the cones taken down at 6:45 a.m. The aid station in Hawaii Kai is at the Kuapa Isle Pre-School. The police officer detail had increased HPD and ride marshals. Schulenberg mentioned that it was not safe for two abreast in the bike lane. They will post electronic signs on Friday, September 22. From mid-August to race day, they will have reminders in the *Honolulu Advertiser* and the *Honolulu Star Bulletin*. Last year, they had three complaints concerning the noise at Kapiolani Park.

Chair Muraoka mentioned that it was the same route and they had no problems.

Chair Muraoka thanked Schulenberg.

ANNOUNCEMENTS-

1. The next regular Hawaii Kai Neighborhood Board No. 1 meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 29, 2006 at the Hahaione Elementary School Cafeteria at 7:00 p.m.
2. Broadcasts of the Hawaii Kai Neighborhood Board No. 1 meetings are on every Tuesday of the month at 9:00 pm on Olelo Channel 54. Please check your local TV listings.

ADJOURNMENT: Hearing no objections, Chair Muraoka adjourned the meeting at 9:09 p.m.

Submitted by K. Russell Ho, Neighborhood Assistant